

SENATE, No. 1670

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 7, 1996

By Senators McNAMARA and MARTIN

1 AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Water Conservation Bond
2 Act," P.L.1969, c.127, for the acquisition of lands or interests
3 therein in the Highlands area for the purpose of augmenting,
4 increasing, improving, preserving, protecting, or conserving natural
5 water resources and supplies important to New Jersey and
6 facilitating recreational uses incidental thereto.

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8 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
9 of New Jersey:

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11 1. There is appropriated from the "Water Conservation Fund"
12 established pursuant to section 13 of the "Water Conservation Bond
13 Act," P.L.1969, c.127, to the Department of Environmental Protection
14 the sum of \$2,300,000 for the acquisition of lands or interests therein
15 in the Highlands area of New Jersey by the department, in consultation
16 with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the North Jersey
17 District Water Supply Commission, for the purpose of augmenting,
18 increasing, improving, preserving, protecting, or conserving natural
19 water resources and supplies important to New Jersey and facilitating
20 recreational uses incidental thereto.

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22 2. To the extent that the balance of the moneys available in the
23 "Water Conservation Fund" that have not been previously
24 appropriated pursuant to law is insufficient to support the sum
25 appropriated pursuant to section 1 of this act, the following shall be
26 made available from the "Water Conservation Fund" to support the
27 remainder of the appropriation made in that section as required:

28 a. moneys returned to the "Water Conservation Fund" due to
29 project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings involving projects
30 previously funded by law; and

31 b. moneys previously appropriated pursuant to law from the
32 "Water Conservation Fund" to fund projects but for which no such
33 moneys have been expended, other than for administrative or program
34 purposes, in the five-year period immediately prior to the date of
35 enactment of this act, or to fund projects deemed by the Department
36 of Environmental Protection as of the date of enactment of this act to
37 be otherwise no longer active, the previous appropriation of which is

1 canceled subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
2 Committee or its successor, except that this subsection shall not apply
3 to moneys appropriated pursuant to P.L.1995, c.7.

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5 3. The expenditure of the sum appropriated from the "Water
6 Conservation Fund" pursuant to section 1 of this act is subject to the
7 provisions and conditions of P.L.1969, c.127, as amended by section
8 26 of P.L.1979, c.86, and as amended and supplemented by P.L.1981,
9 c.233

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11 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 13 14 STATEMENT

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16 This bill would appropriate \$2.3 million from the "Water
17 Conservation Fund" established pursuant to the "Water Conservation
18 Bond Act," P.L.1969, c.127, to the Department of Environmental
19 Protection (DEP) to acquire, in consultation with the Palisades
20 Interstate Park Commission and the North Jersey District Water
21 Supply Commission, lands or interests therein in the Highlands area of
22 New Jersey for the purpose of augmenting, increasing, improving,
23 preserving, protecting, or conserving natural water resources and
24 supplies important to New Jersey and facilitating recreational uses
25 incidental thereto.

26 To the extent that the balance of the moneys available in the "Water
27 Conservation Fund" that have not been previously appropriated
28 pursuant to law is insufficient to support the sums appropriated
29 pursuant to the bill, the bill would make the following available from
30 the "Water Conservation Fund" to support the remainder of the
31 appropriation: (1) moneys returned to the "Water Conservation Fund"
32 due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings involving
33 projects previously funded by law; and (2) moneys previously
34 appropriated pursuant to law from the "Water Conservation Fund" to
35 fund projects but for which no such moneys have been expended, other
36 than for administrative or program purposes, in the five-year period
37 immediately prior to the date of enactment of the bill, or to fund
38 projects deemed by the DEP as of the date of enactment of the bill to
39 be otherwise no longer active, the previous appropriation of which is
40 canceled subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
41 Committee or its successor, except that this provision would not apply
42 to moneys appropriated pursuant to P.L.1995. c.7. That act
43 appropriated \$10 million from the "Water Conservation Fund" for use
44 toward the acquisition of lands in Sterling Forest in the State of New
45 York and \$1 million for use toward the acquisition of certain lands in
46 the pinelands area of New Jersey.

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3 Appropriates \$2.3 million from 1969 "Water Conservation Bond Act"

4 to acquire lands or interests therein in Highlands area.